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JOSEPH HATCH, BELLFOUNDER

By NICHOLAS DAVIES

JOSEPH HATCH was the son of Thomas Hatch, of Ulcombe, near Maidstone, who cast several bells in Kent at the end of the 16th century. It is probable that Joseph served his apprenticeship to Thomas at an early age for, when his father died in 1601, leaving him in charge of the foundry, he was still a young man. During the 37 years of his working career, however, his business can fairly be described as enormous; in spite of hot opposition from two other local bell foundries, not to mention the Metropolitan and itinerant founders, he must have almost enjoyed a monopoly over his rivals. Thus, of the 210 towers in Kent that at present contain five or more bells, records show that at least 58 have contained specimens of Joseph's work, of which 36 are still represented (i.e., about one-sixth). The fraction would be even greater if one excluded 'modern' rings of bells in churches erected after Joseph's time. Two hundred and five of Joseph's bells have been brought to light through records (doubtless there were originally many more), of which 128 are still giving service; a handful of his bells may also be found in East Sussex.

A diary of the most important events of his working career presents an interesting reflection on this successful business man of yester-year.

Joseph's earliest casting is, without doubt, the third of the four at Waltham, dated 1602, on which he uses his father's trade stamp. Two bells at nearby Egerton, also cast in 1602, are obviously later examples, since they bear Joseph's own circular three-bell medallion.

In 1605 he cast a ring of five for Chartham, all of which remain, and these are five majestic bells that would do credit to any founder. They now form a ring of six (tenor 13½ cwt. in E), a treble having been added in 1728. The same year he may have cast five for Willesborough (tenor 12 cwt.), but the tenors were recast 20 years later.

In 1606/7 the five heavy bells at Cranbrook were recast (tenor probably about 28 cwt.), but none of these remain, having been superseded by a lighter ring of eight. Joseph was obviously far in advance of his time in his business dealings here: the churchwardens were given a period of seven years to settle the debt—a kind of primitive hire-purchase agreement! Also during this year he was commissioned to recast a bell at Canterbury Cathedral, and it may well be that while engaged on this job he met his wife-to-be, for on December 20th, 1607, he married Jane Prowde, of Canterbury, at St. Paul's Church there.

In 1607/8 he cast rings of five at Lydd (tenor 13 cwt.) and, probably, Woodchurch (tenor 15 cwt.); two of the latter remain, but none of the former. Five bells were cast for High Halden in 1609/11, but the tenor was recast in 1620. Three of these bells still ring out from this wooden steeple. 1610 also saw him further afield at Brenchley, where five bells (tenor 18 cwt.) probably materialised. Three of these were still intact until 1925.

In 1612 five mediæval bells at Mersham were recast, and the new bells remain as the back five of the present octave (tenor 13 cwt).*

1620 saw him casting his only ring of six, when the heavy mediæval five at Ashford were recast into six (tenor 23 cwt.); two of these bells still give service. Two years later, in 1622, five bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.) were cast for Sturry, three of which remain.

Two rings of four were supplied by him in 1624, to Wouldham (tenor 9½ cwt.) and Boughton Malherbie (tenor 10 cwt). In both cases three bells remain. Also during this year, Joseph made what was probably his largest casting when he recast the fourth bell of the Arundel ring at Canterbury Cathedral, which weighed about 33 cwt. We can imagine the pride that was in his heart to be honoured with a recasting for such a renowned edifice when we see that he went to the trouble to reproduce the inscription of the old bell, which was dated 1408. In the following year five bells (tenor 16 cwt.) were cast for Sandwich, which, tradition asserts, were hung for many years in the Oxford (S.W.) steeple at Canterbury Cathedral. There may be some truth in this as the present tower at Sandwich is of a much later date than Joseph's bells, but all had been recast by 1779.

The authorities at Sevington had four bells (tenor 9 cwt.) made in 1630, and, apart from the treble, which was recast in 1885, these still render service. In 1631 he returns, probably with some nostalgia, to Waltham, where his first casting is hung (see above), and recasts the other three bells. Perhaps, for the sake of tradition, he deliberately tunes the new bells to sound like the old, for the notes are Nos. 2-5 of an octave.

In 1632 the bells at his local tower, Ulcombe, required attention, and five bells (tenor 14 cwt.) may well have been supplied once again, but only three remain in testimony. At about this time his nephew, William, is taken into apprenticeship, and some of his subsequent bells bear the initials 'W.H.' as well as Joseph's name.

His last complete works materialised in 1635, when rings of four were cast for Fordwich (tenor 8 cwt.) and Reculver (tenor 14 cwt.) All the bells at the former church are still in existence, but at Reculver the church was pulled down c. 1805, when two of the bells were preserved for use in local churches, whilst the others were destroyed.

* These bells were recast on the spot, outside the church.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Great Yarmouth Meeting

RINGING TOURS

WHIT SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 1.45 p.m. Ringing at Beccles (10). Redenhall (8). Diss (8) and Pulham Market (8). Arrive back at headquarters at approximately 9.30 p.m.

Cost per person 12s. 6d., which includes tea at an hotel.

WHIT MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1963:

Depart Great Yarmouth 9.15 a.m., through Broadland country to ringing at Aylsham (10) and Marsham (8). Hot lunch, followed by ringing at Wroxham (6), the gateway of the Broads. Then a 2½ hour cruiser trip through some of the loveliest Broads, with light tea served on board, landing at Ranworth (6), the Church of the Broads. The party will be met here by the coach, calling at Acle (6) on the return to Great Yarmouth.

Cost per person, including lunch and tea, 21s.

Please send names and remittances for either or both of these tours to Mr. H. W. Barrett, 'Fernhill,' Loddon, Norwich, NOR. 21W, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that options on transport, etc., can be confirmed.

PEAL ATTEMPTS

Members wishing to have peal attempts arranged for them are asked to notify Mr. Barrett, at the above address, as soon as possible. Peals of Minor and upwards will be arranged if required.

E. A. BARNETT.
Honorary Secretary.



The Rev. Roger Keeley and his bride, Miss Patricia Sharp, after their wedding at St. George's Church, Harnham, on February 16th. The guard of honour was provided by the Harnham Division of the Church Lads' Brigade. A report of the ceremony appeared in our last issue. [Picture by courtesy of 'The Salisbury Times.'

JOSEPH HATCH—Cont.

By this time Joseph was obviously an elderly man, and must have made more than enough to provide for himself in his retirement, for he also owned much land in many parts of Kent, and he may well have left the management of the foundry to his nephew since no more major recastings are recorded.

In 1635-36, however, the authorities at Canterbury Cathedral decided to have the great 64 cwt. tenor of the Arundel ring recast into two new trebles to make a ring of six, and Joseph was called in once again to supervise the recasting. Doubtless the Dean and Chapter were more than satisfied with Joseph's previous recastings for them, for they also gave him the job of rchanging the augmented ring in a new frame, which he entrusted to his own hanger, one Thomas Crust.

Joseph's last bell is apparently the treble of the ring of three at Stourmouth, dated 1638, but a bell at Herne, recast in 1781, also bore this date. His nephew William's first casting is the singleton at Trottiscliffe, dated 1639, and this may well have been cast when Joseph was still alive.

Joseph died, childless and wealthy, in September, 1639, being buried in the little church at Broomfield (the adjoining village to Ulcombe, where Joseph owned much land) next to the tomb of his mother and brothers. In his will he bequeathed the foundry to William, who kept it going until 1664, while the remainder of his considerable estate was shared in the main amongst his wife, brothers and other relations.

Appreciation

Mr. Tom Roach, of Norman Park, Brisbane, Queensland, writing to a friend, says:

'I have just received my "R.W.s." They come two at a time, and I get enormous pleasure from them. They are so English. It is the cleanest and most instructive magazine that I have ever read, and to read of ringers having tours all around, the lovely people they meet, the wonderful co-operation of wives and sisters makes me wish I could be with them.

'When you next enter your tower have a thought for an old Londoner who loves bells.'

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the St. Albans District at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, produced some good ringing, including most of the usual Surprise Minor methods. The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Hart-Synnot, and an excellent tea, served by Miss Christine Rimmer and her helpers, was unfortunately not fully eaten as Chris had kind-heartedly catered for the nameless ones who did not materialise. Mr. Penny, in proposing the votes of thanks, said, 'Never before have so few eaten so much.'

In the absence of Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. V. Frost, the Association's president, gave a short talk on the history of St. Stephen's bells. Mr. G. Auton told how he had led the drive to have the old bells restored and then played a recording of them, which was almost drowned by the creaks and groans of the wooden frame.

Mr. J. Cull thanked the speakers, and ringing was then resumed on the new and safe bells.

J. O. C.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Seventy ringers sat down to tea at Ilkeston on February 23rd, when the Ilkeston and Derby Districts held a joint meeting with the Society of Sherwood Youths. The meal had been prepared by Ilkeston ringers and ladies, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Robertson, in his welcome, said it was the first bellringing meeting he had attended.

Mr. D. Carlisle, chairman of the Ilkeston District, presided over the meeting: the Sherwood Youths held a short business meeting after which they departed to the tower.

The Ilkeston and Derby Districts began their meeting with a short talk on bell control by Mr. G. A. Halls, which was afterwards open for discussion: this proved to be a success. It is the intention of the Ilkeston District to have these talks at the monthly meeting.

Since the collapse of the Ilkeston District ten years ago it has been under the management of the Derby District officers and all the meetings have been jointly with their District: now that the District has been reformed and has its own officers, it was decided to hold the meetings separately from the Derby District for a trial period of six months.

Heanor ringers have published a monthly newspaper called 'The Belfry News,' copies of which were sold at the meeting. It is hoped it will be circulated to all Districts of the Association in the near future.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

WORTHING, SUSSEX.—At St. Botolph's, Heene, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Double Nowich Court Bob Major: D. W. Weaver 1, R. Wake 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. C. Weaver 4, B. J. Stone 5, B. G. North 6, L. Stilwell 7, R. P. Wood (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 5, 6. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Stilwell.

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APPLETON FOURTH OF MARCH FESTIVAL

THE 145th anniversary of the opening of the original ring of bells at Appleton was held on March 2nd, and on this happy occasion a larger number of ringers than ever before were present to eat, drink and enjoy themselves.

In the morning the traditional peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but unfortunately 'fired out' after 45 minutes. An inquest was held in the evening.

At 6.30 p.m., everybody having gathered in the Village Hall, the real business of the day began, and over 100 ringers sat down to an excellent supper and to listen to the speeches.

Richard Blackwell, proposing the toast to the Church, paid tribute to the Rector, the Rev. Dr. A. Tindall-Hart, for his unfailing help and support of the ringers. Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of the Guild, welcomed the union of Methodists and Anglicans, and said the addition of Methodist ringers would be most welcome.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, president of the Central Council, making his 39th appearance at the festival, gave the history of the Appleton bells and spoke glowingly of past and present Appleton ringers. He pointed out that the Appleton Society was unique in that no minute book or other such time-wasting devices existed and yet their traditions were stronger than ever. Appleton still held the Grandsire and Stedman Caters record lengths, and in Frank White they had a wonderful craftsman.

Frank White replied, and said he'd rather make a bell frame than a speech. He thanked the Appleton ringers for their attendance on Sundays and practice nights, particularly the over 70's. The company then stood in silence in memory of Frederick White, who passed away last year, a very great loss to Appleton.

The Rector welcomed the visitors, one of whom came from New Zealand, and the toast was replied to by John Camp, honorary secretary of the Oxford University Society.

After supper came the handbells, and tunes by the Appleton ringers, and what is always the top of the hit parade, a 'lapped' course of Grandsire Caters: four Whites and Fred Sharpe, solemnly sitting with knees together, passing handbells to each other with faultless rhythm. And then the old songs. The first in praise of Appleton bells and ringers, written by the village schoolmaster 145 years ago and sung by Fred Sharpe. 'The Farmer's Boy' by Bill Hibbert. 'There's a hole in my bucket' by Sir Basil Blackwell, 'Old butter and cheese,' which sadly reminded us of Fred White, who used to sing it. 'The ten thousand' and all the rest: ringers' songs with a chorus and harmony, if you can manage it.

A very enjoyable and memorable evening, and so to bed with another Appleton festival over until next year. J. R. C.

50 YEARS AGO

'R.W.' March 14th, 1913.—

In mediæval and, indeed, in much later times singular criminals have fallen under the ban of the law. Not only animals but even inanimate objects such as bells have been brought to trial and sentenced to most grotesque punishments.

Bells, for having been tolled at inopportune times, have on more than one occasion suffered, and Rouvel, the famous Rouen bell, was sentenced to many years' silence by Charles VI. The bell of Uglitch, which at the time of the assassination of Demetrius, in 1591, knelled the alarm, was, with all the other actors in that gruesome episode, brought to trial, when it was sentenced to be mutilated, knouted, and sent into perpetual exile. Over 250 years later, in 1847, it was pardoned. Reconsecrated at Irkutsk, in Siberia, by the Bishop, it was, amid general rejoicing, bedecked with flowers.

NOTTS CHURCH GUTTED

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Eastwood, Notts, was tragically gutted by fire on the night of March 5th.

Fire engines from five neighbouring towns responded promptly to fight the blaze, and, with the main part of the church and roof well alight, the firemen worked hard to save the tower. Flames, having consumed the belfry floor, were licking round the clock face, where the fire was brought under control, just before reaching the bell chamber.

There being no resident ringers of late, the bells were used occasionally by the young team from Heanor, Derbyshire, who always conscientiously serviced them before ringing. A peal had also been rung there recently by the Derbyshire Association.

The bells, although in need of attention, did not go too badly, and were undoubtedly the most musical eight in the District. Having been snatched from destruction, it is to be hoped that before very long Eastwood will be hearing them again from a restored St. Mary's. D. J. B.

ENDING THE INCARCERATION

Four car-loads of ringers from four towers in Bath and North Somerset, armed with thermos flasks and shovels, ended the enforced incarceration since Christmas by an outing into Wiltshire on February 9th.

Ringing started on the beautiful ground-floor six at Heddington, followed by Yatesbury, with its cracked third which did not sound at backstroke and gave the ringing a peculiar cha cha beat. Here we were joined by our fifth car, bearing friends from Bristol.

The best ring of the day was thought to be at Broad Hinton, where the church overflowed with flowers brought down from Covent Garden for a recent wedding.

We would prefer to draw a veil over our ringing at Wootton Bassett, except to say that we did manage some respectable Grandsire Triples. However, we seemed to excel ourselves on the easy going, well-tuned six at Lyneham. The last tower, Hilmarton, was reached dead on time. Apart from its lovely altar and chancel, this 15th century church has a beautiful oil-fired boiler and equally beautiful radiators! The 15 cwt. six here are due to be rehung. A fresh young band is starting; we wish it luck.

Much appreciated were the hot pasties and liquid refreshments on the homeward journey. We made new friends at every tower visited, and to them and the incumbents we extend our thanks. M. H.

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

For the 1963 Rag Week tour the University of Wales Society chose the coldest, snowiest week-end in February. We started on Friday, February 15th, with great expectations after a slight thaw the day before, but by dinner time it was snowing hard again. The road to Ebbw Vale tried the nerve of our most stout-hearted drivers, but it was worth it to ring on these beautiful bells.

After travelling the same road back to Abergavenny, in well nigh blizzard conditions, it was decided to forgo a peal attempt at Llanfeigan. A lot of snow can fall in three hours, and nobody relished the idea of digging the cars out after a peal! So we contented ourselves with an hour's ringing on the fine 10 at Abergavenny.

The next day it was decided, with regret, to cancel the first two towers, which were up in the mountains, and to concentrate on the area round Newport. The Aberystwyth contingent arrived rather late at Llanfrechfa, due to the treacherous road conditions, and found that the Swansea contingent had been telephoning the R.A.C. for news of them. A short ring was enjoyed on the lightest eight in Wales and afterwards we were entertained to refreshments, laid on by the local ringers, in the beautifully warm Parish Hall. We were very grateful indeed for their kindness.

A short meeting was held here. Colin Lewis, of Aberystwyth, was re-elected Ringing Master for the session 1963-64, and Christopher Bainham, of Lampeter, was elected secretary. It was noticed with regret that there were no members from Cardiff present.

Then on to Caerleon, where another party joined us, having come from Lampeter and Aberystwyth that morning. These bells are again a light eight and have a sweet tone. By now we had managed to catch up with ourselves and arrived at All Saints', Newport, on time, that is all except one car which took a minor road out of Caerleon and got stuck in a snowdrift! All Saints', Newport, bells are a good eight and Stedman went well here. The bells at St. Woolos' Cathedral are the only ring of 12 in Wales. Here the Society rang its first touches on 12, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and we were pleased with the attempts.

The roads were quite clear by this time and we were not delayed on the way to Usk. Here we found that the local ringers are repairing the belfry themselves and we had an enjoyable ring on the good eight, surrounded by ladders and cement. We shall have to go back and see the finished result next year! The last official tower was Llanover, near Abergavenny. It was dark by then and it took us some time to find the church, which looked very pretty in the snow. We also needed Wellington boots to get to the church; several people got wet feet. The bells are a nice little five and went well to a variety of Doubles methods. Here the tour proper ended and we said, 'Goodbye, until the summer,' but one party managed to ring at Llangattock and Glasbury on the Sunday morning, before their trek over the mountains home.

Perhaps the weather will be kinder to us next year, or perhaps the University will move Rag Week to the summer, but whatever happens we will always remember Rag Week, 1963.

GILLIAN GRANEY.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford Diocesan Guild at its annual meeting on Saturday elected the following representatives to the Central Council, Messrs. D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting, W. H. Viggers and A. C. Hazelden. Mr. C. H. Kippin was elected honorary treasurer of the Guild.

A report of the meeting will appear next week.

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Letters to the Editor

Leeds Society replies to Mr. Dove

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Dove's article on page 109, and Mr. Hodgson's remarks on page 141, I feel that it is my duty, as secretary of the Leeds and District Society, to point out to Mr. Dove that our Society holds no such 'stupid rule' as stated by him.

Our Society rule is: 'That the Society shall meet for ringing on the last Saturday in each month, except December, at any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds, or at one having four or more members.'

Mr. Dove ought to have been aware of the above rule, as the Society's rules were amended on April 26th, 1958, at Leeds Parish Church, the home tower of Mr. Dove.

May I also point out that the ringers of Meanwood are welcome to ring with and join our Society, and the next meeting will be held on March 30th, 1963, at Rothwell; and the April meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on April 26th, on the approval of the church authorities.—Yours truly,

ANGELA M. SKIDMORE.

Batley, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—'The stupid rule' referred to by Mr. R. H. Dove, in his article about Meanwood bells (page 109), is incorrect. The rule states that the Leeds and District Society will visit any tower within a ten mile radius of Leeds and any other tower with four or more affiliated members. It is thus apparent that no rule prevents the Society from visiting Meanwood.

If the Leeds and District Society were to hold a meeting at Meanwood, it would, I think, receive little support from the majority of the members, who only attend the meetings held at ten bell towers or the more popular 'eights,' providing, of course, they are not ringing a peal on the same day.

The ideal way of visiting Meanwood would be for the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting at Leeds Parish Church, with Meanwood as an additional tower, say during the afternoon.

However, the Yorkshire Association have already been refused permission once to hold a meeting at Leeds and the Society, which was formed by previous ringers of Leeds with the Parish Church as its headquarters, has been virtually banned from the tower.

One begins to wonder who is Vicar of Leeds—Canon Fenton Morley or Mr. R. H. Dove!—Yours faithfully. IAN NORTH,

Ringing Master,
Leeds and District Society.

The late Sam Hector

Dear Sir,—Thank you for your leading article about my old friend, the late Sam Hector. For five years I was an assistant to a firm of auctioneers and surveyors in Trowbridge, with offices next door to the White Swan Inn, where Sam was the ever-genial host.

Before going to Trowbridge, as an architectural student in London I had done a fair amount of ringing at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Clement's Danes'. It was Sam, however, who really taught me what method ringing I have managed to acquire.

Though it is now forty years ago, I shall never forget the delightful evenings spent in Sam's company. A party of us would bundle into Sam's car, and he would take us out to towers in the neighbourhood—and what glorious churches and melodious bells there are in that part of Wiltshire. Steeple Ashton, Edington, Bratton, Westbury, North Bradley and many others we used to visit. Sam was always the life and soul of the party, a giant in stature, with the warmth and affection of a child.

Looking back to those days, I think my years at Trowbridge were among the happiest in my life, but the most vivid memories that I carried away with me were those evenings spent ringing with Sam. He was a grand fellow, a splendid ringer and an example for others to follow.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE E. HUBBARD (Rev.)

Melton Malsor Rectory.

Coventry Cathedral Rally

Dear Sir,—I am extremely sorry that the Coventry Cathedral Rally clashes with other meetings of Guilds and Associations, particularly as it affects our near neighbours—Leicester Diocesan Guild, Derbyshire Association and the Gloucester and Bristol Association. I am sure Mr. Rouse will appreciate that it is literally impossible to arrange any meeting so that it would be clear of all other Guild meetings.

Owing to the pressure of visitors to the Cathedral, particularly at the week-end, we have had to accept the date given to us by the Cathedral authorities. May I also point out that the invitation to this rally does apply to individuals as well as Guilds and Associations. The response so far has been very gratifying and tickets will be sent out as soon as possible to those who apply.

Finally, arrangements for ringing facilities will be published later.—Yours sincerely,

J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD.

5, Burges, Coventry.

Congratulations to Sapcote

Dear Sir,—It is good to read in your columns of peals that have been rung by Sunday service ringers in their own towers, and when such a band rings a peal of 24 Spliced Surprise Minor, the ringers can feel justly proud of their achievement.

Congratulations to Mr. Michael E. Brown and his band at Sapcote, Leicestershire.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN FAIRCLOTH.

West Wickham, Kent.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Quarters

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I read about the accomplishments of the South Wigston band. It may be of interest to the Exercise to know that at St. Wilfrid's, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, 25 quarter peals were rung during 1962. Nine of the band took part, and the conducting was shared between M. J. Kirk (11), J. A. Harrison (9) and E. A. Harrison (6). The majority of the band are under 19 years of age. Methods ranged from 1 to 14 methods. —Yours sincerely,

MARTIN J. KIRK.

Kirkby.

Design of Stays

Dear Sir,—I must agree with Mr. Halls that, in principle, a spring loaded trip on a stay is an attractive idea. However, in view of the large amount of energy to be absorbed, I rather doubt if such a device is realisable in practice. The springs that would have to be used would be very large, and very expensive. Economics, and not technical difficulties, would prevent the general adoption of the idea. One could, I think, buy quite a number of stays before recouping the price of a spring trip.

Another writer on page 141 states, 'Woods other than ash have been tried .... but ash is far superior and cheaper in the end.' While I must admit that, given the size of stay as fixed by the socket, this is true, it does not necessarily hold as a general rule; subject to the not very stringent requirements outlined in my article any wood can be used if the stay dimensions are suitably chosen.

His method of reducing stay breakages has much to commend it; although it increases the breaking load, most stays are so weak that the increase is most unlikely to be dangerous. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. McCLENAHAN.

Christ's College, Cambridge.

Stay Designs

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent J. J. McClenahan ('R.W.', page 100), writing about the design of stays, stated that replacements are required at the rate of one a fortnight in his tower. This can only mean that bell control is not being properly taught.

The purpose of a stay is to enable a bell to be left in the 'up' position when not being rung. It therefore follows that the minimum size stay required is one which will support the small turning moment exerted by the bell when 'set' just over the balance.

This gives the minimum requirement, but for practical purposes (noting the large number of bad handlers that ring, hitting the stay at 'back' and 'hand,' and, believe it or not, even when ringing changes) a stronger stay is necessary, but must still be the first part to fracture.

The safe maximum size of stay for any particular bell is probably best found by equating the kinetic energy of the rotating mass to the strain energy in the stay at the moment of impact. It should be pointed out that when the bell is being correctly rung the kinetic energy is zero at the beginning and end of its travel (i.e., Angular Velocity zero).

Kinetic Energy $= \frac{W}{2g} k^2 w^2$. 'W' is the weight of the rotating parts, 'k' the radius of gyration, 'w' the angular velocity, and 'g' acceleration due to gravity.

Strain Energy $U = \frac{P^2 l^3}{6EI}$ where 'P' is the load on the end of the stay, 'l' the length of stay, 'E' the Young's Modulus of Elasticity, and 'I' the 2nd moment of area.

This strain energy formula is assuming the stay to be a cantilever and of rectangular cross section with a gradually applied load (not strictly true, and the stress may be double that calculated).

From simple beam theory $\frac{f}{y} = \frac{M}{I}$ where 'f' is the stress in the extreme fibres of the material, 'M' the applied moment, 'y' the distance from the neutral axis to extreme fibre, and 'I' the 2nd moment of area. Note $M = P \times l$.

$$\therefore \frac{f}{y} = \frac{Pl}{I} \quad \therefore P = \frac{fI}{yl} \quad p^2 = \frac{f^2 I^2}{y^2 l^2}$$

Substituting in Strain Energy Equation for p^2

$$U = \frac{lBD}{18E} f^2 \quad \left(\text{NOTE: } I = \frac{BD^3}{12} \right)$$

K.E. = Strain Energy.

$$\therefore \frac{W k^2 w^2}{2g} = \frac{lBD}{18E} f^2.$$

From this equation, values of width 'B' and depth 'D' can be determined for any stay if the weight of the rotating parts, radius of gyration and angular velocity of the system is known. (A little guesswork here would assist!)

The foregoing is only intended as a guide to a complex problem, but should give your correspondent a new approach.

The answer to another question is that the Ultimate Tensile strength of bell metal is about 34,000 lb./sq. in., and Young's Modulus of Elasticity 17×10^6 lb./sq. in. I would also like to point out that I would expect my Mild Steel bolts to have a U.T.S. of at least 28 tons/sq. in (commercial quality M.S. to B.S.S.15). Yours sincerely,

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HALF PEAL

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Feb. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mark, Glodwick, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Holt 1, J. F. Barlow 2, J. B. Thorp 3, D. Ashton 4, G. Nield 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260-Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Lewsey 1, R. Rayfield 2, Ruth Perrin 3, C. H. Macve 4, P. J. Milton 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Faircloth (first 'in hand') 1—2, R. G. Crosland (first 'in hand' on working bell) 3—4, A. M. Macve (first of Minor 'in hand' and as cond.) 5—6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Gilbert 1, Stella Rice (first 'inside') 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Frances Gilbert 4, Diana Gough (cond.) 5, V. Gough 6. A compliment to Pam (former member) and Ian McGill, on the birth of their second daughter, Fiona Margaret.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Rosalind Hicks 3, H. Baldwin 4, J. E. Camp (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6. For Confirmation service, also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Lance Kent and Miss Valerie South. Also on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Proctor 1, Anne Collins 2, Mrs. E. G. Swift 3, Rosalind K. Hicks 4, B. Collins (cond.) 5, P. E. Penrose 6. An engagement compliment to Rosalind K. Hicks and Mr. Edward Benfield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Feb. 17th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Clegg 1, W. Harrison 2, P. J. Mallock 3, J. F. Barlow 4, D. J. Marshall 5, L. Hill 6, R. M. Edwards 7, F. Shallcross (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band for Evensong. First quarter peal of Surprise ever rung by a St. Michael's band.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. A. Hilton 1, S. H. Wood 2, D. J. Laker 3, E. H. Knapp 4, F. J. Roberts 5, J. H. Gardner 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, R. E. Stoner 8. For the first birthday of Mark, son of the ringer of three, and for the second anniversary of the Rector's induction.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Buck 1, C. Dear 2, J. I. Dear 3, L. Scoot (first as cond.) 4, D. Salisbury 5, E. Buck 6, P. Flack 7, J. S. Dear 8. For Parish Communion.

BAWTRY, YORKS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Miss F. Chester 1, F. J. Jaskson 2, R. A. Smith 3, Miss G. Brown 4, P. W. Brett 5, A. Jewitt (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, with 34 changes of method): S. F. Kimber (cond.) 1, Olive D. Tester 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, R. J. Talbot 4, J. Schofield 5, R. E. Finch 6, R. W. Hinde 7, F. E. Darby 8.

BINGLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Cox (first quarter) 1, W. Preston (captain) 2, E. H. Simpson (cond.) 3, E. Cox 4, R. Preston 5, G. Winup 6. For evening service, and to mark the anniversary of the long peal of 8,640 changes rung in this tower by the local company on Shrove Tuesday, 1826, in 5 hours 11 minutes.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Perkin (first in method) 1, Mrs. L. Goodman (first 'inside') 2, G. Goodman 3, R. Hayden 4, W. Aley 5, H. Bird 6, D. Kingston (first in method as cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Rung for the baptism of the daughter of the conductor.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Felicity Dickin 1, Janet Somervaille (first 'inside') 2, Janet Cleeve 3, I. Booth 4, L. Pizzey 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BLANKNEY, LINCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Hoodless 1, Mrs. M. Short 2, C. R. Muxlow 3, R. Hunt 4, T. Warrington (cond.) 5, F. Hugh 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Maltby, churchwarden.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth Blackshaw 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, H. Hanson 3, R. Winstanley 4, M. W. Harrison 5, D. Stainsby (first as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled a token of respect to George Simpson, ringer and chorister for 66 years, who died on February 17th.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): D. A. Smith 1, J. K. Pratley (first quarter) 2, H. N. Pratley (first quarter) 3, Miss D. French 4, C. C. Clarke 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. D. Cowley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. G. Bletsoe, a churchwarden.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Staveley (first quarter) 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, C. Toyne 3, E. Dalingwater 4, F. A. Staveley 5, H. Wagstaff 6, J. McCluskey 7, G. Graham 8. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Staveley (first in method) 1, T. D. Spencer 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, E. Dalingwater 4, F. A. Staveley 5, G. Graham 6, J. McCluskey 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): W. J. Sale (first away from cover bell) 1, Peggy M. Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Betty M. Butler (first in three methods) 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, D. Gaston (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On tFeb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): D. W. Parkin 1, Doreen M. Murfin 2, D. J. Murfin (first of Cambridge 'inside') 3, B. Dawson 4, W. A. Morley 5, J. F. Murfin (cond.) 6, J. A. Dodd 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bishop 1, P. Felton 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, S. Croft 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Fanthorpe 1, Mrs. D. Metcalfe 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, D. A. Whetton 4, P. Smithson 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. For morning service, and a compliment to ringer of third, on her engagement to Mr. P. Davison.

ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Akroyd 1, Ronda Purkess 2, M. D. G. Northway (cond.) 3, P. R. Parsons 4, R. Buchanan 5, C. M. White 6. For Evensong.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Poole 1, Miss S. Law 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, R. H. French 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the tower captain, S. R. Hucknall.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods and variations): A. Harris 1, H. Floyd (cond.) 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Floyd 6. A birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Alnwick Surprise Minor: R. H. Mills 1, G. S. Joyce 2, D. P. Treble 3, V. M. Cox 4, R. C. Kippin 5, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 6. First in method by all the band. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. Wright.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,187 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. E. Cook 1, Elizabeth Holmes 2, J. Vinters (first 'inside') 3, Beryl Stannage 4, T. Relf 5, D. A. Frith 6, C. Maccartney 7, H. R. Woods 8, J. E. Cook (first of Caters as cond.) 9, J. Holmes 10. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Middlesex Bob Triples: Miss D. Colcombe (first of Triples) 1, Miss G. May 2, Miss J. Smith 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. H. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Bull 1, L. Hawkins 2, N. G. Knee (cond.) 3, P. Roynon 4, E. E. Norris 5, T. E. Mallard 6. Rung by Warminster ringers as a 21st birthday compliment to Susan Perrett, of Heytesbury, who is a member of Warminster band.

HORSLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Lockwood 1, N. V. Coghill (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Murfin 3, D. J. Murfin (first as cond.) 4, J. Ashmore Dodd 5, G. A. Halls 6.

HULL, E. YORKS.—On March 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Ducker 1, H. Gibson 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, J. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell 6, R. Gibson 7, D. S. Johnson (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2, 3, 6 and 7.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Plain Bob): E. A. Jones 1, P. Friend 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Evensong.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Wright 1, Margaret James 2, I. M. Hall 3, A. S. Sansom 4, Shelagh R. Collins 5, M. Staley 6, G. Watson 7, D. W. James (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to Michael Staley.

IVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): H. Chadwell 1, R. J. Foster (first 'inside') 2, G. Riglar 3, W. Birmingham 4, H. Oglesby (cond.) 5, D. G. Rowlands 6. Rung prior to Ash Wednesday service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): Maureen P. Green 1, A. Georgetta Harrison 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Ash Wednesday.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Overend 1, B. Payne 2, D. Massey 3, R. Baker 4, D. J. Withers (first of Minor) 5, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 6. To commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Trim.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Neilson (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Cook 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Miss E. Todd 6. For Evensong.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Grandsire, St. Martin's): J. Omerod (first quarter) 1, C. Carter 2, B. J. Lawes (cond.) 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain): Jennifer Lees (first quarter) 1, B. J. Lawes 2, C. Carter 3, A. J. Lancefield (cond.) 4, B. Potts 5, E. R. Warren 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Janet Adams and Laith Reynolds (tower captain), also Mr. Lancefield's farewell quarter.

TURRAMURRA, AUSTRALIA.—On March 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Jacka 1, W. Knight 2, W. Smith 3, J. Rainsford 4, J. Watts (first of Minor as cond.) 5, L. McQueen 6. Rung as a welcome to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of their visit to Sydney.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: D. Hawkins 1, A. J. Boyack 2, L. S. Woods (cond.) 3, C. E. Hughes 4, L. Fox 5, B. Downie 6, D. Elisdon 7, M. C. Austin 8, D. Hewitt 9, R. J. Chapman 10, C. E. Willmington 11, J. H. Crampion 12. First of Grandsire Cinques by 1 and 7. For Evensong.

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SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, EAST HARLING

By Dr. Paul Jonason

THE Church, including the tower, of SS. Peter and Paul, East Harling, Norfolk, was built on the site of an older church in 1449—some 47 years before Christopher Columbus discovered the New World.

A church with four acres of land belonging to it is mentioned in Domesday Book. The whole parish was then two miles long and two miles broad. The parish changed hands many times. Earl Warren, as feudal lord, leased the property to the Bigots, of Felbrigg, and from them it passed to the Bournes, of Long Stratton. One of Nicholas Bourne's daughters married Sir Thomas Jenney, and a Margaret Jenney married John de Herling, who died and was buried at East Harling in 1392. The Herlings, after whom the village is named, were living here previous to this date, but only became concerned in the Manor in 1350 owing to the marriage with Margaret Jenney.

Sir John de Harling, knight, her son, married Cecily Mortimer, and their son, Sir Robert Herling, married Joan or Jane, the rich heiress of the Gonvile family. The tomb of this Robert Herling, who died in 1435, is to be seen in the Herling Chapel, concerning which there is still a good deal of mystery.

Sir William Chamberlain, K.G., of Gedding, in Suffolk, married Ann, the only child of Sir Robert Herling, and it is thanks to Sir William's generosity that the church was built into its present magnificence in 1449. He lies buried in the north chapel, in a magnificent tomb, which forms part of the north wall of the chancel.

The tower itself is probably circa 1300, built of flint, with very symmetrical buttresses (clasping buttresses). There are tall niches in the west buttresses at the level of the west window and knapped flint work used here as ornamentation.

The west window, cusped intersected tracery, illuminates the ringing chamber. The belfry openings are cusped-Y-tracery, with a stone watercourse continuously surrounding the tower, reminiscent of an 'eyebrow.' The tower is surmounted by fine freestone ballisters, with the blank shields encompassed by the garter cut in the stones (Sir W. Chamberlain) and the unicorn's head and heraldic bird of the Lovells and Herlings. There are four pinnacles, one at each corner and four central figures looking outward. The whole is surmounted by an oak spire lead covered, arising upon flying buttresses from an eight pointed crown.

DESIGN FOR ST. PETER MANCROFT

This graceful fleche, as it is called, was probably erected in 1475, and is the most unique feature of the tower, being the first object which catches the eye when one approaches the church from whatever direction. From this Mr. Street, the architect, obtained his design for the spire of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, in 1888. In February, 1910, when the Church Council were making plans for rehanging the bells, Mr. A. H. Green, who was then diocesan architect, stated, 'The spire is unique in design for E. Anglia and there is nothing like it in Norfolk. It should therefore claim exceptional care in treatment and restoration in order that its beauty may be jealously preserved and its graceful lines continue to charm the eye.'

The bells were first put in the tower in 1465. Until 1616 there were probably three bells, each considerably larger than the present tenor. On July 6th, 1616, 'one littel bell by weight, £4 10s. a hundred' was ordered to be cast by John Draper, of Thetford, and delivered to Harling. Total cost, including all fittings—£44 18s. The bell weighed 9 cwt. 3 qr. and is the present 5th. In 1677 the then tenor was melted down and recast into two smaller bells, the 3rd and 4th, by John Darbie, of Ipswich, and Christopher Graye.

In 1746, Thomas Gardiner, of Norwich, recast the tenor into two trebles.

Thus L'Estrange records the bells as follows:

6 Bells. Tenor G about 12 cwt.
1 and 2.—Thomas Gardiner Fecit. 1746.
3.—Christopher Graye made me. 1677.
4.—John Darbie made me. 1677.



5.—John Draper made me. 1616. Thomas: Porter: of: Wilbe: Toune, gave me to make: a: pleasant: sounde:

6. — QUABCDE: FGHIKLMNOPQ: QUABCDE: FGHIKLNOP: GHIKLM: symbols of Evangelists on waist.

A BAD CIRCLE

Prior to 1912 the bells were hung in a wooden frame and the ropes did not fall in a circle. Call changes were the rule, and, although several peal attempts were made, owing to the bad arrangement of the ropes even a 720 was a great undertaking.

In 1910, when the tower and spire were surveyed, it was found that not only was the bell frame insecurely fixed but that the spire supports were also in a dangerous condition. H.H. Prince Duleep Singh, then living at Blo' Norton Hall, offered to call in the architect to the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and this was gladly accepted. He advised that new timbers should be corbelled into the cills of the belfry windows to support the lantern and spire. Also that a new oak frame for the bells of massive dimensions should be built, the bells quarter turned and rehung with new fittings. The parish magazine at that time records that the following were asked to tender for this work: Messrs. G. Bullock and Son, Ixworth, Suffolk; C. Carr, Ltd., Smethwick; George Day, of Eye; Messrs. Stainbank, of London; and Taylor's, of Loughborough.

George Day, of Eye, presented a most realistic and comprehensive estimate. They advised 'An English oak frame of massive dimensions to be built. The 5th (the one made by Draper in 1616) had lost some of its canons, has a crack in the crown and is not in such good tone as the others, and should be recast.

'The wheels of oak were much too large and heavy and need to be re-wrought and re-rimmed with new stays, sliders and pulleys. They also recommended that the frame should be built to accommodation eight bells, there being plenty of room in the tower for eight on the same level, and that rope troughs should be fixed between the floors to guide the ropes satisfactorily about the ringers' heads, so that the bells could be rung in a good circle.' The cost £170.

In May, 1911, a fund was opened to collect money for the work and by September a total of £165 15s. had been reached. However, the work on the spire and lantern required an additional £100, so that the Church Council decided to hold a fete in the village and to reconsider the estimate. The fete, held the following year on July 11th, 1912, was an unqualified success. The member for the constituency, Mr. Boyle, opened the function, and in one day £113 9s. 2d. was raised.

TAYLOR'S ESTIMATE ACCEPTED

The Church Council then accepted Taylor's estimate as: (a) It was the lowest at £159; and (b) included the latest type of modern iron bell frame. Work was put in hand immediately and the bells were taken down and sent by rail to Loughborough. On arrival at Taylor's, they then informed the Rev. Baseley Hales Grigson, Rector of East Harling, that the bells were not in such good order as had been previously supposed. It was already agreed to recast the 5th, but Taylor's suggested recasting the other five for an additional £61 18s. If this was not possible the 4th should be recast at a cost £12 10s. The Church Council met and in true East Anglian tradition held firm and would only agree to the 4th and 5th being recast. This was accordingly carried out, and the bells were rehung in a new iron frame. Thus the inscription on the bells is now changed. The original wording has been recast on the 4th and 5th with the additional insignia of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and the words 'Recast 1912. Taylor and Co., Loughborough Bell Foundry.'

Today, if one looks at the bells, the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th are excellent castings of nicely shaped bells. The 3rd by Christopher Graye, in 1677, is a very porous casting, and has some cold chisel marks round the mouth. The tenor is still in its original condition as cast in 1550, minus its canons, which, of course, were removed when the new metal headstocks were fitted. The only part of the mechanism which is perhaps regretted is that of the Hastings stays.

The first peal on the bells was rung on December 21st, 1912, by William Duncan (first peal) treble, Thomas Fitzjohn 2, Sidney Annison 3, Alfred Newson 4, Fred C. Burrows (conductor) 5, Charles Carter 6.

On December 19th, 1962, a 50th anniversary peal was rung by James King treble, Paul Jonason 2, Harry Fuller 3, William Duncan 4, Leonard King 5, Frank C. Phillippo (conductor) 6.

The time taken to ring these two peals was identical—2 hours 46 minutes.

THE PEALS

Other recorded peals on the bells are as follows:

1913 May 3rd, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 39 mins., conducted by O. Bullman:
Aug 16th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 42 mins., O. Bullman:
Dec. 20th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 40 mins., O. Bullman:
1914 April 25th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 42 mins., O. Bullman:
May 16th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 44 mins., O. Bullman:
June 27th, Oxford T.B., 2 hrs. 47 mins., F. C. Burrows:
Nov. 21st, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 48 mins., F. C. Burrows;

1920 Oct. 9th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 45 mins., W. J. Adcock;
1922 Aug. 26th. Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 35 mins., W. J. Adcock;
Sept. 9th. Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 40 mins., F. A. Salter;
1923 July 28th, Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 35 mins., F. A. Salter;
1949 July 16th. Five methods. 2 hrs. 47 mins., Nolan Golden;
1951 Aug. 10th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 52 mins., John R. Smith;
1952 Nov. 29th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 58 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1955 April 11th, Oxford & Kent T.B., 2 hrs. 45 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1956 April 2nd, Plain Bob. 2 hrs. 40 mins., W. Saunders;
1957 April 22nd, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 46 mins., W. Saunders;
Dec. 7th. Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 51 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo;
1962 Dec. 19th, Plain Bob, 2 hrs. 46 mins., C. F. W. Phillippo.

Mr. William Duncan is the sole surviving member of the original peal band, and in 1912 it was his first peal. He was certainly the best and most experienced ringer present in the band, which successfully rang the 50th anniversary peal, and it was considered by all present to have been a privilege to have rung with him.

The band, with the Rector (the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle) and Mrs. Riddle, celebrated their success with a well earned dinner as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Jonason, at their home.

Thus the story of East Harling bells is brought up to date. There is still room for two more bells in the tower to complete the octave, but there is even more room in the ranks of the ringers themselves to fill the ringing chamber with eager young men and maidens who are prepared to take part in this peculiar form of worship to the glory of God.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL (Glasgow) ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Association was held in St. Mary's Cathedral on February 28th. Mr. E. Boumphrey was elected captain, Mr. H. Sargent vice-captain and Dr. D. M. Graham-Service secretary and treasurer.

At this meeting Mr. E. A. Stafford, because of ill-health, tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer. Provost Laming, who was in the chair, spoke very highly of Mr. Stafford's work over the years. He pointed out that Mr. Stafford joined the Association in 1931 and became secretary/treasurer in 1932. He had held the post since then except for a temporary break of about a year and a half.

As a small token of our esteem Mr. Stafford was unanimously elected honorary vice-president of the Association, and was also presented with a bellringer's silk scarf. D. M. G.-S.

CHELSFIELD HAVE NEW BELFRY FLOOR

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Bishop of Rochester dedicated the new belfry floor at Chelsfield, Kent. This new floor shortens the rope draught by approximately 10 ft., and forms a gallery in the north wall of the church. The cost of all the materials for the floor and the labour has been donated by members of the congregation and the balustrade, seen from the church, has been beautifully made by a local craftsman and erected in memory of S. C. Manger, a former ringer and father of the present captain. The bells are much easier to handle and are no longer rung from the choir robing room.

Prior to the dedication service a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung, whilst immediately after the act of dedication a short touch was rung. D. C. M.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED MANN

With the sudden death from influenza of Mr. Alfred Mann, Christ Church, Epsom, has lost the last resident survivor of a family of eight ringers. He had just retired from working in a local hospital, at the age of 68.

Alf started ringing in 1912, when he was 17, and remained a regular ringer until he had to give it up due to his health, just after the war. He also wound the church clock until last July.

He was a very cheerful man, and often recalled with pride an occasion in 1925, when his father, who was captain, conducted a quarter rung by the family. From his house on Epsom Common he often listened to the bells of Christ Church, St. Martin's and Ashtead. D. J. H.

MR. ERNEST STITCH

We regret to announce that Mr. Ernest Stitch, who was well known in South Wales and the Wolverhampton district, died suddenly at his home at 14, Rockfields, Nottage, Porthcawl, on March 10th. He was well liked in all parts of the country, having served for a long period of time as secretary of Southern Section of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. He had been Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and served that Association on the Central Council from 1939 to 1950.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janice Brown 1, R. Banner 2, H. F. Wood 3, E. F. Fosberry 4, B. G. Elliot 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, I. Robinson 8. First of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 5 and 8. Rung half-muffled as last tribute to Rev. J. F. Schaefer.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Dowse (first quarter) 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw (first as cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps 5. First of Doubles 2 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Angela Keighley (aged 10 years) who died on February 20th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Melbourne, Australia, ringers have had a gay week scoring the first peal of Surprise Major outside Great Britain, a peal of Plain Bob Royal, first since 'The Great Adventure,' and Bob Major 'in hand.' Visitors have included Tom and Margaret Goodyer and Bill Watson, from Sydney, and Brian Cox, for Adelaide. At the Wednesday practice, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung as well as Stedman Caters.

The Shebbear College Society inquire whether their peal at Dolton, Devon, was the first on the bells.

The quarter peal rung at Elstow, Beds, on January 13th was a birthday compliment to the Rev. P. Hartley and Mr. R. Law, and not as printed.

The peal rung by Manchester University Guild at Eccles on February 16th should read: 'A peal of 5,088 Spliced Surprise Major,' and not as printed. The error is regretted.

The band who rang the peal at Barton-on-Humber on February 23rd would wish it to be associated with the memory of Arthur W. Hoodless, captain of the local band, with whom the conductor (Mr. Walter Ayre) had been associated since his youth.

Ringers and friends of St. Mary's, Lewisham, rang Grandsire Caters before the afternoon Evensong at Southwark Cathedral on March 3rd. The Cathedral, like so many Central London churches, has no resident band of ringers and Lewisham ringers hope to make this visit to the Cathedral, to ring for service, a regular event.

We are sorry to learn that Andrew Macve is temporarily indisposed and is condemned to lie on his back for a week or two, although this did not prevent him ringing a quarter peal of Bob Minor 'in hand' recently. We hope he will soon be quite fit and able to resume his ringing again in an upright position.

Mr. A. G. Lancefield left Perth, Western Australia, on March 4th to continue his tour of Australia. A farewell quarter was rung at the Cathedral on February 23rd. In it Jennifer Lees, who started learning to ring in November, rang her first quarter. Mr. B. J Lawes writes that Mr. Lancefield will be greatly missed. He will be welcomed in any Australian tower he visits.

We are asked to state that the quarter peal rung by the Mancroft band was for Mr. Boar's 75th birthday, and not his 80th as published in the issue of March 1st.

Mr. Ronald K. Russ, of Reading, writes that he is not emigrating to Australia in the strict sense of the word, but is going out for three years.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Broadchalke, Wilts, on March 2nd is claimed to be the first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1659. The tenor was cast about 1350.

The following comment was heard after the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells had been successfully completed at Leicester, 'Not bad for kids! Considering also that they are blue liners.'

The band who accomplished the quarter peal of London Surprise Major at Raunds on February 18th regret the absence of Miss Shelagh Collins, who had been in several unsuccessful attempts. The conductor denies that this success is in any way a coincidence.

There are some promising youngsters in the Ashton-under-Lyne area. A peal at Mossley and a half peal at Oldham on the same day were rung by bands of average age 16 years 1 month. Both performances were conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

Mr. Anthony Ager asks us to correct an impression that might be gained from the Henry Johnson dinner, that he was at Birmingham University. He came on accepting a post as brewer at Atkinson's Brewery, Ltd., Aston.

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TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*DOREEN M. MURFIN	*Treble*	JOHN F. MURFIN	6
WILLIAM J. LEACH	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*CYRIL HAYNES	3	GORDON HARRISON	8
MRS. MARION E. KEY	4	JOHN K. SMITH	9
†GRAHAM ROOBOTTOM	5	BRIAN DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN F. MURFIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First 'inside.' John K. Smith has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Miss Noreen Toon, of Stretton, on the occasion of her wedding to Mr. Keith Atkinson, of Winshill.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN BIBBY	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	6
CYNTHIA WARRILOW	2	ROBERT WARRILOW	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	DENIS MADDOCK	8
RICHARD WARRILOW	4	IVOR NICHOLLS	9
†FRED JACKSON	5	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal on ten. † First of Cambridge Royal.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

*HAROLD C. LONYON	*Treble*	*C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
*†BASIL JONES	2	NEIL BENNETT	7
FREDERICK SHALLCROSS	3	*DEREK BUTTERWORTH	8
JOHN ROBINSON	4	DEREK OGDEN	9
*JOHN WORTH	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDERICK SHALLCROSS.
* First peal of Redcliffe Surprise Royal. † 513th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

*DELIA E. SMITH	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
*HILARY MUIRHEAD	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	7
†CLAIRE DILLAMORE	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	8
†ANDREW S. HUDSON	4	GEOFFREY PAUL	9
A. ROBIN HEPPENSTALL	5	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in the method, and first of Surprise Royal. † First of London Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

JOHN BRUCE	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
ELSIE CHADDOCK	2	GEORGE S. LEE	7
NEIL DONOVAN	3	STUART ARMESON	8
*DAVID NICHOLS	4	JOHN N. D. CHADDOCK	9
†ALEC HOLROYD	5	PHILIP WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten bells.
Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Holroyd (Guy Marcus) and also to Mr. and Mrs. M. Toy (David).

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	*ANTHONY G. TYERS	6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	2	GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH	7
S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN	3	ROGER BALDWIN	8
DAVID P. HILLING	4	ROBIN G. LEALE	9
ALAN E. BAGWORTH	5	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by GILLIAN A. NEAL SMITH.
* First peal of Royal.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

REV. CANON G. THURLOW	*Treble*	JOHN COX	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	WILLIAM LOVE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
ROY DUESBURY	4	BERT GOGLE	9
DAVID CUBITT	5	CLIFFORD BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung by past and present members of the Mancroft Guild for the engagement of Mr. David Cubitt and Miss Maureen Stammers.
Composition contains all the 56079's, 658790's and 567890's

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 14, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER;
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD MILLS	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	ROBERT W. COLES	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	HAROLD E. RAXTER	7
COLIN B. LONGMORE	4	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung in memoriam Wilfred J. Newman, Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Hampton, the latter bells not being available for a peal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

LEONARD RAPHAEL	*Treble*	W. DAVID WARD	5
DAVID J. ORLEDGE	2	EDMUND SHUTTLEWORTH	6
RICHARD C. L. BROWN	3	*RICHARD A. SHEKELTON	7
RAYMOND BENFIELD	4	DAVID W. FRIEND	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by DAVID W. FRIEND.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, and for the Society.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*GEOFFREY BROMFIELD	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	5
GEORGE W. MOODY	2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	MICHAEL W. CROWDER	7
JACK BRAY	4	*ROBERT T. HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples on the bells.
Rung as a memorial to Canon W. E. Varah, formerly Vicar of Barton for 34 years, and in whose memory the third of this ring was donated by his family.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER C. CLARKE	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. COLEMAN	5
RONALD K. RUSS	2	*NOEL R. WAITE	6
BARRY J. DAVIES	3	GEOFFREY R. DREW	7
SHIRLEY M. DREW	4	PETER T. HURCOMBE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER T. HURCOMBE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

SHEILA J. STALEY	*Treble*	PETER M. FLECKNEY	5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	DAVID W. JAMES	6
MURRAY A. COLEMAN	3	*IAN W. HALL	7
MARGARET JAMES	4	SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MURRAY A. COLEMAN.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert	*Treble*	Richard A. Price	5
Geoffrey Bryant	2	John N. D. Chaddock	6
*Neil Donovan	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
*Stuart Armeson	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal in the method.
A tribute of respect to Dan Smith, of Felkirk (former vice-president of the Yorkshire Association for 15 years), who passed away on February 12th, 1963.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

Alan E. Hartley	*Treble*	A. James Poynor	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
David G. Wilford	3	William A. Lacey	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	R. Kingsley Mason	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* 50th peal of London Surprise Major.

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Brian J. Bull	*Treble*	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Pauline Fennell	2	Anthony G. Osborne	6
Mary S. Taylor	3	Christopher F. Mew	7
Philip G. Erith	4	John C. Eisel	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

Arthur T. Shorey	*Treble*	John W. Perkins	5
Michael G. Selby	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Ian C. Maycock	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	*Ernest E. Ludlow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal on eight. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Rung to commemorate the birth of Joanne Holden, a grand-daughter of Mr. J. W. Perkins.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	†Roger G. Hazell	5
Joyce I. Barton	2	E. Dennis Poole	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	David P. Hilling	7
*Derek Francis	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal on eight. † 25th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5120 LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCH-WYNDROBWLLLLANTYSILIOGOGOGOCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John F. Barlow	*Treble*	Derek Butterworth	5
Richard J. Parker	2	John P. Partington	6
Norman Smith	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
Eric J. F. Wall	4	Neil Bennett	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Norman Smith.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Michael D. Fishwick.

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READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,248 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Albert Diserens	*Treble*	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Helen M. Diserens	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
*Ronald K. Russ	3	John N. Diserens	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Neil Bennett	*Treble*	Barry Corbishley	5
John F. Barlow	2	Fredk. Shallcross	6
Carol Fearnley	3	Giles B. Thompson	7
Derek Ashton	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Frank T. Blagrove	*Treble*	Kathleen M. Higgins	5
Monica M. Blagrove	2	Frank C. Price	6
Jennifer Sceeny	3	J. Keith Ward	7
William Birmingham	4	Frederick R. Scott	*Tenor*

Arranged by Shirley Burton. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 25, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel.
A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	John F. Barlow	5
Derek Ashton	2	John P. Partington	6
Maryl Crossthwaite	3	Richard Barber	7
Philip Crossthwaite	4	Frederick Shallcross	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and for the Association.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Christopher C. Clarke	*Treble*	George B. Collins	5
*Peter J. Heritage	2	*Edward R. Venn	6
Harry W. Badger	3	Cyril H. Kinch	7
Edgar J. Smith	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 28, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDERSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	J. Richard Castledine	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours.*
At the Church of SS. Helen and Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in F.

*C. Alan Friskney	*Treble*	†R. Mark Damerill	5
†J. M. Hadley Hunter	2	†S. Clarke Walters	6
George E. Thoday	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
†Colin Johnson	4	*Theodore A. Getty	*Tenor*

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter.
Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Plain Bob Triples by all. First as conductor.

ALDERSGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
E. W. Tipler's A2/8. 56 x 58.14 x 58 x 36.14 x 14.58 x 14 x 58.
2nds place.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Basil Jones	*Treble*	Alan J. Brown	5
John O. Freeman	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
John Worth	3	Peter Laflin	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

F. Hector Bennett	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	Richard E. Morris	6
Peter Morris	3	Harry Poyner	7
Michael R. Wycherley	4	Ian Friend	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Ian Friend.
First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey; with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

D. Mary Beresford	*Treble*	Derek E. Sibson	5
E. Jane Langton	2	Colin A. Tester	6
*Olive D. Tester	3	Peter Beresford	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 6-Spliced.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's variation. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*Linda Gott	*Treble*	*Frances Fairbank	5
*Iris Lemare	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
*Patricia Lockwood	3	Richard E. Price	7
J. Neville Parkin	4	J. Henry Fielden	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1962, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

John F. Murfin	*Treble*	Michael A. Willis	5
*Dennis J. Murfin	2	Michael R. Blore	6
Derek G. Astridge	3	David W. Parkin	7
J. Ashmore Dodd	4	Douglas Derbyshire	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Parkin.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung on the occasion of the Derbyshire Association 11th annual and Sir Arthur Heywood memorial dinner.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Philip H. Tocock	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
John E. Bibby	3	Thomas Hesketh	7
*Antony R. Kench	4	V. David Jenner	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's variation. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

David Hodgson	*Treble*	James L. Towler	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6
Harry R. Appleton	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Peter J. Came	4	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Rung for the birth of a son (Timothy John) to Mr. and Mrs. J. West.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Joyce I. Barton	*Treble*	Sydney M. Bailey	5
*Royston Blackler	2	†Roger G. Hazell	6
Roland Biggs	3	Walter Lee	7
Arthur Newton	4	David A. Cornwall	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Roland Biggs.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
*Beryl N. Reed	2	*H. Leslie Pask	6
Norah M. Randles	3	Geoffrey Paul	7
*Walter Tomlinson	4	*Colin W. Reed	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rochester Surprise Major.

LLANBADARN-FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Padarn.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter K. Else (Aberystwyth)	*Treble*	Peter F. T. Smith (Ab.)	5
*Richard Hedges (Ab.)	2	W. Gwyn Thomas (Ab.)	6
Gillian E. Graney (Ab.)	3	Colin A. Lewis (Ab.)	7
David W. Beard (Ab.)	4	Donald R. Marshall (Ban.)	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal of Major. First of Treble Bob for the Society.
A compliment to Canon D. H. Lloyd, Rector of Llanbadarn-Fawr, recently appointed Archdeacon of St. David's.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Marion J. Page	*Treble*	E. Winifred Keys	5
William T. Beeson	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Alexander Page	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
*Bryan C. Burrough	4	*Bernard E. Matthews	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 158).
Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.
* First peal of Painswick.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*Gillian Wiggins	*Treble*	*Alan J. Luxford	5
James W. Priest	2	Dennis G. Blows	6
†Alan D. Elsmore	3	E. John Wells	7
†E. Tyndale Biscoe	4	Roy Collins	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Rung on the anniversary of the induction of the Rector; also as a compliment to the ringer of the fourth, who is leaving the district.

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MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 2, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Brian D. Holt	*Treble*	Geoffrey Nield	4
John F. Barlow	2	Peter J. Malloch	5
Derek Ashton	3	Jeffrey Brannan	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

First peal as conductor. The ringer of the fifth has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 5 cwt.

*Garth Porter	*Treble*	Noel D. Deam	3
*Leonard Porter	2	Alec Gammon	4
Roy H. Jones	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal attempt. First peal rung from the new ringers' gallery. A birthday compliment to Noel D. Deam.

STUDLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 16, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*John W. Perkins	*Treble*	*Maurice C. Hughes ..	4
*Ann E. Fellows	2	Ian C. Maycock	5
*Susan Funnell	3	*Peter S. Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First of Surprise Minor on the bells, and as conductor.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 22, 1963, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Norwich Surprise and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Rosemary J. Palmer ..	*Treble*	Roger J. Palmer	4
Donald F. Murfet	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	5
Alan M. Barber	3	*John E. Goodwin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.

* First peal.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*Vanessa Rodrigues ..	*Treble*	Susan Rawlings	4
†Rosamund Rawlings ..	2	Anthony Bishop	5
*Judith Geiringer	3	Ken Newman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ken Newman.

* First peal. † First in more than one method. First as conductor.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Shelagh R. Collins ..	*Treble*	David W. James	4
Margaret James	2	Frank E. Crosier	5
Anthony D. Sansom ..	3	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 1,440 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb.

Arthur F. Ballam	*Treble*	Charles Stannard	3
Mrs. H. Ivings	2	Richard J. Stannard ..	4
John Ivings	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Arthur F. Ballam.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, (2) April Day, (3) Seighford, (4) Old Bob, (5) Kennington, (6) Plain Bob, (7) April Day, (8) Seighford, (9) Old Bob, (10) Kennington, (11) Plain Bob, (12) April Day, (13) Old Bob, (14) Kennington, (15) Seighford, (16) Plain Bob, (17) April Day, (18) Seighford, (19) Old Bob, (20) Kennington, (21) Plain Bob, (22) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (23) Clifford's Pleasure, (24) Little Aston, (25) St. Columb, (26) Southrepps Pleasure, (27) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Southrepps Pleasure, (29) St. Columb, (30) Little Aston, (31) Clifford's Pleasure, (32) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Plain Bob, (34) April Day, (35) Seighford, (36) Old Bob, (37) Kennington, (38) Plain Bob, (39) Old Bob, (40) Kennington, (41) April Day, (42) Seighford. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Rosemary A. Tailby ..	*Treble*	Michael W. Brown	3
David F. Moore	2	N. Roderick Ellway ..	4
Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

First peal in ten methods for all except the conductor.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G sharp.

*George F. Roome	*Treble*	‡Richard J. Danby	4
†Ronald Russell	2	‡Alan A. Paul	5
‡Roger W. Smith	3	‡Graham C. Paul	*Tenor*

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. ‡ First of Treble Bob.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Dixon, on completing 30 years as churchwarden and tower captain at this church.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 23, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Harold Worrall	*Treble*	†Ernest Pimlott	4
*F. George Forrester ..	2	Victor Neal	5
John Ryder	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † 75th peal.

Rung as birthday compliments to the conductor and Kenneth Parker.

DOLTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(The Shebbear College Society.)
On Sun., Feb. 24, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher J. Head ..	*Treble*	*David J. Etchells	4
*Philip J. Daniel	2	John L. Queen	5
†Philip C. Plant	3	Roger J. Gay	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger J. Gay.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor for the Society.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Prince Andrew.

HULME, MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*Marcia M. Nott	*Treble*	*Keith H. Scrimshaw ..	4
Ronald J. Johnston ..	2	*David J. Baker	5
*Mary Browne	3	David W. James	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. James.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung on Shrove Tuesday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 26, 1963, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 28 methods: (1 to 3) St. Laurence, (4 to 6) St. Jude, (7 to 9) St. Crispin, (10 to 12) St. Mary, (13) Plain Bob, (14) St. Simon, (15) St. Albans, (16) Eynsham, (17) Cassington, (18) Elford, (19) St. Martin, (20) St. Paul, (21) St. Peter, (22) St. Leonard, (23) Austrey, (24) Winchendon, (25) St. Miles, (26) St. John, (27) St. Luke, (28) Ryton, (29) St. Nicholas, (30) St. Giles, (31) St. Andrew, (32) Shareshill, (33) St. Thomas, (34 to 37) Plain Bob, (38 to 40) April Day, (41) Seighford, (42) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Stuart H. J. Edwards ..	*Treble*	Rupert A. Clarke	4
Michael W. Brown	2	Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	5
David F. Moore	3	*Anthony D. H. Blyth ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

* First peal. Rung on Shrove Tuesday.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., March 1, 1963, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*David W. Sweet	*Treble*	J. Yorke Parker	4
*Delphine J. Fuller	2	Colin Johnson	5
A. George Orbell	3	Alan M. Barber	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* First peal.

ADWICK LE STREET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster and District Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Florence Chester	*Treble*	Russell Stephenson	4
*Harold Bell	2	*Roger A. Smith	5
Alan Jewitt	3	Fredk. J. Jackson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. M. Jones, Rector, who is leaving the parish.

BROADCHALKE, WILTSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Anthony E. Clayton	*Treble*	†Malcolm M. Powell	4
Anthony R. Carter	2	Hugh N. Evans	5
*Alan S. Harrison	3	Brian B. Hullah	*Tenor*

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1659, the tenor being cast in about 1350.

BURGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of The Ascension.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Geoff. Weston (16)	*Treble*	Philip Murduck	4
*Denby Murduck (15)	2	Geoff. Dodds	5
Paul Holmes	3	Michael Holbrook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

* First peal of Minor, and on a working bell.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley and District Society.)
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Wragby, Charlwood; (2) St. Albans, Neasden; (3) College Exercise, Ockley; (4) Norbury, Duke of Norfolk; (5) London Scholars', Capel; (6) Kingston, Sandal; (7) Kent, Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

Elizabeth Peace	*Treble*	*Christopher A. Moxon	4
Susan Peace	2	Trevor Tarbatt	5
Herman Rusby	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* First peal in 14 methods.

Rung fully-muffled in memory of Daniel Smith; a repeat in the same methods of his last peal, at Wath in 1956.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Jennifer Sceeny	*Treble*	†Brian A. Cracknell	4
*Brian J. Edwards	2	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Howard Oglesby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal other than covering to Doubles and Triples. † First in seven methods.

DORNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., March 2, 1963, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Frederick R. Scott	*Treble*	William Birmingham	4
Geoffrey Riglar	2	Robin G. Leale	5
David P. Hilling	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 250th peal of Minor, conducted 151.

HANDBELL PEALS

PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 6 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At 1, Rossdale Road.
A PEAL OF 15840 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 22 extents, each called differently (11 callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

John C. Eisel 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4
Nicholas J. Davies 5—6

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Umpire: Mary S. Taylor.

The longest peal of Minor on handbells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 20, 1963, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
At 33, Bridge End Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gordon W. Land 1—2 | Brian Bladon 3—4
Anthony R. Peake 5—6

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Mon., March 4, 1963, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
At St. Andrew's, Chesterton Lane.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, each comprising Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; with 188 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 1—2 | H. Hunter (Trinity) 3—4
A. S. Hudson (Clare) 5—6

Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

First peal of Spliced Surprise 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild.



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QUARTER PEALS

BROMLEY, KENT.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary K. Gates (first quarter) 1, P. J. Spice 2, Sheila Copping 3, Katharine M. Guy 4, F. H. Gates 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6.

HAXEY, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cutforth (first quarter) 1, E. Cooper 2, C. Cook 3, J. F. Underwood 4, P. Cooper (cond.) 5, P. Berry (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. R. Stott, who died in office, February 14th. Also on Feb. 22nd 720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob: Miss D. Smith (720) and G. L. A. Lunn (720) 1, M. Rose 2, S. Green 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. F. Underwood 5, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the Rev. G. J. R. Stott, by members of the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Lock 1, J. Brake 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, V. James 4, G. Skelly 5, A. Say 6.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): R. J. Bray 1, G. Cole 2, E. G. Cork 3, J. Salway 4, K. Clarke 5, S. Skinner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, R. White (first quarter) 8.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Hallett 1, A. T. Harris 2, Brenda Boyce 3, R. Talbot 4, S. G. Atwell (cond.) 5, N. Henderson 6. Birthday compliments to Gwen Boyce and Sheila Hallett (ringers) and C. Boyce (churchwarden).

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BIRTH

AGG.—On March 6th, 1963, at home, to Anne and Rex Agg—a son (David Anthony): a brother for Elizabeth. 2118

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—George Harry, who died March 14th, 1960. Remembered with affection by his family. 2139

BIRTHDAY GREETING

ANNO DOMINI. Happy birthday. I shall miss you. The wheels are square and the lane is lonely.—NUPPETT. 2067

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PERSONAL

The marriage between Mr. John R. Mayne and Miss Rosemary Fleming will not now take place. 2104

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MISCELLANEOUS

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KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.—There will be no practice on April 3rd or April 10th. Normal ringing resumes April 17th. 2115

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report and magazine for 1962 available (29 compositions, articles, etc.) at 3s. each, plus postage. Copies of earlier reports are available while stocks last at 1s. 6d. each, plus postage: 1961 (32), 1960 (48), 1959 (51), 1958 (50), 1957 (47), 1956 (53), 1955 (44), 1954 (22), 1951-53 (81).—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 2130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting brought forward to **Monday, April 1st,** at 7.45 p.m., at St. John-the-Divine, Albion Street, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Acting Secretary is now Claude Corderoy, 'West-Wynds,' Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, Berks. 2140

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT, 11,456 'Real' Superlative, St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Easter Monday, start 10 a.m. Band: F. Osbaldiston, G. Thompson, John Eisel, B. Jones, J. Robinson, B. Groves, B. Woodruffe, R. B. Smith. **Please take this as confirmation.**

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Christ Church (10) on Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible, please, to H. C. Lonyon, 8, Cardigan Close, Macclesfield. 2017

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Everton (Hunts), Saturday, March 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. N.B.—Everton is situated at the southern tip of Huntingdonshire, approx. 3 miles off the Great North Road, at Tempsford, Beds.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 2100

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, March 16th, Wrotham. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea to R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincent's Lane, Addington, West Malling. Special methods: Plain Bob Triples and London S. Major.—M. W. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 2079

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint practice, March 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Twickenham, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and evening ringing at Isleworth. *All* names for tea *must* be sent to Miss M. Turner, 90, Bridge Way, Whitton. No names no tea.—M. E. P., F. T. B. 2076

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Joint meeting at Nottingham on Saturday, March 16th. Ringing: West Bridgford (8) 3.30-5 p.m.; St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), 6-8 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—D. J. Orledge. 2136

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Balderton (8), March 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me.—Mrs. B. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton Hospital, near Newark. 2078

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Bolney (8), Saturday, March 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 2090

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Andover, March 16th. Ringing: Abbot's Ann, 2 to 3 p.m.; Goodworth Clatford, 3 to 4, Tea 4.15 p.m., Church Room, Andover. Further ringing, Andover, after tea. Names to Mrs. T. Tarrant, 34, Corunna Main, Andover.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 5 p.m. 2106

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Mallett, Saturday, March 23rd. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 2127

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Ruishton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 'Mimosa,' George Street, Taunton. 2103

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, Woburn. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Crypt at 5 p.m. Names, please, to 8, London Road, Woburn.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 2117

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 2105

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, March 23rd, at Etwall. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Murfin, 'Holly Farm,' Etwall.—M. R. Blore, Dis. Sec. 2133

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Wingerworth on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Blythe, 49, Longedge Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 2128

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 2124

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting Lacock, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea essential by March 21st to H. Heath, 89, London Road, Chippenham. 2123

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 23rd. St. George's, Bolton (8), 2.30 until 5 p.m. Holy Trinity (8) 5.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Names for picnic on May 11th essential by that Saturday.—Thornley. 2122

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street (opp. Winter Gardens), Blackpool. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and light refreshments provided.—J. F. Turner, for Sec. 2108

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Higham-on-the-Hill, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in the School Rooms, 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 20th, to Mr. P. Gilliver, 19, Main Street, Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 2110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in hall 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, near Melton Mowbray. 2113

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Lane End, Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by 19th, please. Woodbine Treble Bob Minor and Double Court.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 2134

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, March 23rd, Great Durnford (5). Bells from 2.30 p.m. It would help local ringers with ordering if names for tea could be sent by previous week, March 16th.—Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Greasley (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Regret no afternoon ringing owing to weddings taken at short notice from fire-ravaged Eastwood Church. Tea arrangements cancelled. Bells from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m. Please support this evening meeting.—D. J. Beach, Hon. Dis. Sec. 2116

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY
Spring meeting at **Pattingham**
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—C. M. Smith, Hon. Sec. 2135

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Waldron on March 23rd. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please help your new secretary by sending names for tea by March 20th to Ian Smith (Sec.), 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. Thank you.—F. H. Beeney. 2112

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) in Saturday, March 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall, 1s. per head. Names for tea to L. F. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Saffron Walden, Essex.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec. 2099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—The annual dinner will be held at the 'King's Head,' Melton, on March 30th, 7.30 p.m. Price 12s. 6d. 2073

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Harlestone on Saturday, March 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost. 40. Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 2101

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bere Regis, Saturday, March 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 27th, to Mr. H. Pitfield, Rose Cottage, Butt Lane, Bere Regis, Dorchester, Dorset.—R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec. 2120

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Battersea on March 30th. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by March 27th. Putney bells after meeting. 2111

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, 5, Burges, Coventry. 2094

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 15th, 1963, annual general meeting at Tonbridge. Service in Parish Church 12 noon, **preacher the Lord Bishop of Rochester.** Luncheon and meeting, Dowgate Hall. Luncheon tickets, agenda, details of ringing times at 18 towers shortly available from Mr. B. W. May, honorary treasurer. Further details next week.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent (phone 52638). 2125

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—An annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Full details later.—N. J. D. 2119

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Aberavon, on March 2nd, and the 50 members who attended represented most of the towers in the District. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the excellent eight, and the recent decorations in the belfry added to the pleasure.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Malcolm Beynon, and Mr. Collen Jones was organist. Tea was laid on in a cosy room in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs. Williams were thanked for their kindness in supplying the meal and for the satisfactory arrangements made.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Guild's Master, Miss Hazel Way. Mr. W. Dobbins was still not well enough to attend, and also Mr. Harry Boyce, who had had a recent eye operation. A suggestion to revive the Guild's quarterly peal was carried, the first peal to be arranged by the Master during the next three months.

The meeting was reminded of the ringing competition in May, and full support was promised from at least four bands. Six new members were elected. After votes of thanks there was more ringing in the tower.

September meeting, Gorseinon; December, St. Mary's, Swansea. A.G.M., J. A. H.

Heanor's Example

We welcome 'The Belfry News,' the monthly newspaper of the Heanor bellringers (4d.), with Mr. G. M. Camm as Editor, and offices at 103, Thorpes Road, Heanor, Derbys. Commenting on the enthusiasm of the large band of young ringers at Heanor, Mr. Ben Roberts, in a foreword, writes:

'This revival has not been limited to the tower, for they are not content to summon others to worship which they do not intend to share themselves. They almost form a second choir, encouraging the congregation from behind, and lowering considerably our average.

To the distinction of being the only tower in the diocese to have two practice nights a week they now add the production of their own magazine.

'The Belfry News' is a bright production with a strong local interest. There is a feature article on the bells of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Sheffield and District Society at its annual meeting at Ranmoor on March 2nd elected its first lady president—Mrs. D. Kelly. In handing over the office to her, Mr. F. Brunt said that he did not know another lady who was quite so popular among ringers as Mrs. Kelly and how right it was that she should be the first lady president.

Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert was voted president-elect, and Mr. C. Rusby and Mr. Gilbert the new auditors. Apart from these changes the other officers remained the same as last year. A new office, that of peal secretary, was created—an appointment Mr. N. Chaddock accepted with the request that a copy of all peals should be sent to him.

The afternoon's ringing included Bristol, London and Stedman Caters, and in the evening eight Spliced Major. A splendid tea was served in the Church Hall.

Next meeting (provisional), Staveley on Easter Monday. A. M. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

A very successful meeting of the Rochester District was held at Cliffe-at-Hoo on March 2nd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and was followed by the service, tea and a lengthy business meeting. About 65 members and friends were present.

Business included the District representative's report on the committee meetings and a discussion on the report by the sub-committee on the Association's finances. The possibility of a District magazine was also discussed, and the District secretary was asked to make arrangements, if possible, to take a party to the Loughborough Bell Foundry. After votes of thanks a return was made to the belfry for further ringing. L. M.

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By NORMAN SMITH

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A BROADCAST FROM FROME

In the middle of the B.B.C. Television broadcast on Sunday, March 24th, starting 10.30 a.m., to illustrate the work of the Church, the bells of St. John the Baptist, Frome, Somerset, will be heard and probably some of the ringers seen ringing six whole pulls of rounds.

The ringers are Francis M. Massey treble, Mrs. Hilda M. Massey 2, D. G. Massey 3, B. A. Payne 4, R. J. Baker 5, N. T. Abbott 6, D. H. Flower (captain) 7, H. Vennell sen. tenor. Alan Payne will read the ringers' Collect.

Partly due to lack of space in the ringing room for all the T.V. apparatus, the rounds were not too good. The fifth bell was particularly difficult to handle, as the rope normally falls in front of the door where the T.V. camera had to stand.

The bells were pulled up at 6.45 p.m. expecting to be recorded at 8.30 p.m. after the service rehearsal. By the time other problems were solved the ringers started their part at 10.15 p.m., spending 4 hours in the church.

The recording was outside as well as inside the belfry, and it is expected the outside 'sound' will be imposed on the picture to avoid the noise of rope rattle.

NORTHANTS RINGERS' WEDDING

The wedding took place at Eydon Parish Church, Northamptonshire, on February 23rd of Miss Dorothy Williams, of Eydon, and Mr. Victor A. Perry, of Weedon Bec. The bride and bridegroom are both members of the Culworth Branch and ring at Byfield.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. Neville (president, Culworth Branch), officiated. The bridesmaid was Miss Betty Mansfield (Towcester Branch), and the best man Mr. Frederick W. Hutt (Daventry Branch). The organist was Mr. Eric Walker (secretary and treasurer, Culworth Branch).

The reception was held at the Mounts Hotel, Banbury.

In the evening a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Byfield by the local band to mark the occasion.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Branch Striking Competition

In an attempt to emphasise the importance of good striking, the Chew Deanery Branch decided to arrange a striking competition, and the first experimental competition was held at Chew Stoke on February 23rd, when Mr. H. J. Sanger, of Evercreech, judged the ringing of five Chew Deanery Sunday service teams from a bungalow situated next to the church. The test piece was '120 changes of Doubles or Minor,' preceded by not more than 2 minutes of unmarked rounds.

At the conclusion the 45 ringers and friends enjoyed an excellent tea in the Village Hall, during which Mr. Sanger placed the teams as follows: 1 Wrington (66 faults), 2 Yatton (70), 3 Portbury (74), 4 Winford (76), 5 Wraxall (100). A scratch team made up on the spot from the spectators, but, of course, not eligible for the competition, scored only 40 faults. The judge, in his remarks, said that the ringing was of a fairly equal standard, but generally he felt it was too slow, with bad backstroke leads and lack of rhythm the chief faults. He hoped that other Bath and Wells Branches would be inspired to arrange similar meetings.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for his co-operation, to Mr. Sanger and Tony for their hard work (they even played all the ringing back with a tape recorder to check the markings) and to those who helped with the local arrangements.

Further ringing was enjoyed at Chew Stoke after tea and later Chew Magna bells were available. M. J. H.

LATE NOTICE

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Ripley (8), Saturday, March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. W. Camm, 103, Thorpe's Road, Heanor, Derbyshire. 2137

QUARTER PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.—On Feb. 21st, at the Roman Catholic Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. R. Quinney 1, C. Muncey 2, V. Nutton 3, J. M. H Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, H. Foster 5, R. M. Damerell 6, P. Bergdahl 7, S. C. Walters 8.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia Sheldon 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Alice Ward 3, R. Tullitt 4, Barbara Sheldon 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First extent of Treble Bob for 1.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Law 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, Mary Edwards (first 'inside') 3, B. Crisp 4, L. Duffield 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. For the York Nativity Play.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, I. Weatherley 5, A. V. Queen 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. Burford 8. For Matins, and for the 20th anniversary of Mrs. E. Weatherley's wedding day.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss D. Colcombe 1, Miss P. Drury 2, C. Webb 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5. For morning service.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss P. Ridley 1, G. Davis 2, Miss W. Hollowell 3, B. Branston 4, G. Cowlin 5, M. Parker (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss P. Ridley and Mr. G. Cowlin (captain of this tower), on their engagement.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. A. Brass 1, Miss M. Miles (first away from the treble) 2, Miss C. Pendlebury 3, T. Pendlebury 4, L. Hill 5, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. H. Lowe, late vicar of Gnosall, Staffs, and a former well loved assistant curate at Rugeley, who died on Febraury 21st.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Feb. 16th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, H. G. Keeley 2, Yvonne L. Eloie 3, L. F. Cobb 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, E. C. Read 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Mussell 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. Roger Keeley and Miss Patricia Sharp, married earlier in the day at St. George's Church, West Harnham.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Fuller 1, K. S. Fuller 2, D. R. Fuller 3, C. M. Fuller 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, P. D. Rees (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of Hazel Dawn Fuller, niece of the third and tenor ringers and cousing of the treble, second and fourth ringers.

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